

**UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD THE PAAD PROGRAM RECOVER CORRECTLY PAID BENEFITS?**

When you sign your PAAD application, you are authorizing the State of New Jersey to collect payments made for prescription drugs on your behalf from any other plan of assistance, insurance or retirement benefits by which you may be covered.

**WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I HAVE A PRESCRIPTION FILLED?**

You give the pharmacist your PAAD card with your prescription. The pharmacist will ask you to sign a completed claim form once your prescription has been filled. (Never sign a blank claim form in advance.) For each prescription, you must pay the pharmacy the \$2.00 co-payment, without exception.

**WHAT IS A GENERIC DRUG?**

A generic drug is a less costly substitute with the same active ingredients as a drug that has a brand name.

**DO I HAVE TO USE ONLY GENERIC DRUGS UNDER THE PROGRAM?**

The State of New Jersey has established a list of generic drugs that must be dispensed when a brand name has been prescribed. The exception would be if the prescribing physician specifically requested no substitution.

**WHAT IF I WANT THE BRAND NAME DRUG AND NOT THE GENERIC SUBSTITUTE?**

If your doctor prescribes the brand name, and permits substitutions, but you prefer a specific brand name medication, you must pay the pharmacy the difference between the listed generic drug and the drug you want, plus the \$2.00 co-payment.

**IS THERE A LIMIT ON THE QUANTITY OF DRUGS ALLOWED?**

Yes. PAAD allows up to a 60 day supply or 100 unit doses of a drug, whichever is larger, when this amount is medically necessary, and is ordered by the prescribing physician.

**UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS WOULD THE PAAD PROGRAM CONTACT ME DIRECTLY?**

- For additional information needed to process your application; or
- The Bureau of Quality Control may select you as part of a sample group to review your income, age and residency, or by random auditing of your application to assure that the information you provided is valid and accurate. A quality control review does not mean that there is a problem with your application. But if a quality control staff member contacts you to arrange for a visit to your home and you refuse to be interviewed, you could lose your eligibility.
- PAAD may select you as part of a sample group to renew your PAAD eligibility in person. Being selected for this process does not mean that there is a problem with your eligibility; however, if you are selected for this process, you must complete your renewal application in person in order to have your PAAD benefits renewed.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT PAAD, WRITE TO PAAD, CN 715, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625 OR TELEPHONE THE PAAD TOLL-FREE NUMBER 1-800-792-9745.



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#### WHAT IS PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE AGED AND DISABLED (PAAD)?

This is a unique State-funded program to help certain New Jersey residents pay for prescription medicines and certain pharmacy items.

#### ARE ALL DRUGS COVERED?

No. Only those drugs that you cannot get without a prescription are covered, along with insulin, insulin syringes and needles and certain diabetic testing materials. Drugs that the Food and Drug Administration says are not proven effective are not covered.

#### DO I HAVE TO PAY ANYTHING?

Yes. Once you have your PAAD card, you would have to pay only \$2.00 of the total cost of each prescribed drug to the pharmacy. PAAD pays the rest.

#### HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM ELIGIBLE?

You are eligible if you meet the following requirements:

- You have been a New Jersey resident at a permanent address for at least 30 days before applying. Your residence is not seasonal or temporary but a legally established residence, AND
- If you are single, your annual income is less than \$13,650, OR
- If you are married, your joint annual income is less than \$16,750, AND
- You are 65 years of age or older, OR
- You are receiving Social Security Disability benefits and are at least 18 years of age and under age 65.

#### ARE PEOPLE IN NURSING HOMES ELIGIBLE?

Yes, if they meet all of the other standards. Under a new provision, a person whether married or single who has been in a nursing home for more than 30 days can receive benefits if his/her own individual income is less than \$13,650 and if this income goes directly to the nursing home. The \$13,650 limit similarly applies to the husband or wife of the patient who is not in a nursing home but who would otherwise be eligible. For a stay of less than 30 days, the established \$16,750 limit for married couples applies.

#### HOW DO I APPLY?

Simply obtain a PAAD application form from your local pharmacy, a senior citizen center, the local Medicaid office, the County Office on Aging or the PAAD office. Carefully complete the form, provide all of the necessary documents of proof asked for in the instructions and send the forms to the PAAD office at the address on the form.

If you are married and you and your husband/wife both wish to apply, you must each file separate applications, even though the joint income appears on both applications.

#### WHAT IF I CANNOT FILL OUT AN APPLICATION MYSELF?

You may have a relative, a friend or other person you know help you with your application form.

#### HOW SOON WILL I GET MY ELIGIBILITY CARD AFTER I APPLY?

If your application has been completed correctly and it has been approved, you should have your temporary eligibility card within 30 days or less. Your card will show an effective date and an expiration date.

#### WHAT WOULD MAKE MY APPLICATION INCORRECT?

If, for example, you do not include documents of proof, a spouse's income, or other required information, or you do not provide correct information about your income, your application would be incomplete or incorrect and returned to you.

**WARNING:** If you state that your income is lower than it really is and your application is approved based on that information, you will be liable for payment of monies paid by PAAD on your behalf. You might also be liable for civil and criminal penalties for false reporting.

#### WHAT CAN I DO IF MY CARD IS DELAYED?

If your application has been correctly completed, but you have not received your temporary card in 30 days or more after PAAD has received your application, immediately contact the PAAD office.

#### WOULD I BE ELIGIBLE IF I HAVE OTHER PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE?

If you have other health insurance or retirement benefits that provide prescription coverage equal to or better than PAAD benefits, or if you are receiving Medicaid benefits, you would not be eligible. If you have only limited or partial coverage, you would be eligible.

#### MUST I RENEW MY ELIGIBILITY EVERY YEAR?

Yes, unless you are over age 65 and have annual income below \$10,000 for single persons or \$13,000 for married persons. In that case, you would renew every two years. If your income is above these limits, or if you are on Social Security Disability you must renew every year. PAAD will notify you when it is time to renew.

#### HOW DO I RENEW MY ELIGIBILITY BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE?

About four months before the expiration date on your PAAD card, you should automatically receive a renewal application form. You should complete this form listing any changes, for example, in income or marital status, and return this form to the PAAD office. Call the PAAD toll-free number (1-800-792-9745) if you do not receive a renewal form at least two months before your card expires.

#### WHAT HAPPENS IF MY ELIGIBILITY EXPIRES?

You will be considered ineligible and PAAD will no longer pay for your prescription drugs.

#### WHAT ELSE WOULD CAUSE ME TO LOSE PAAD ELIGIBILITY?

- A move outside of the State of New Jersey;
- An increase in your annual income above the \$13,650 limit for single persons and above the joint income limit of \$16,750 for married couples;

- A change in your marital status (e.g., through divorce, death, remarriage) that will increase your income level above the allowable limits;
- Discharge of your spouse from a nursing home to the community that would alter your income eligibility;
- If you lose your Social Security Disability benefits.

**Note:** If you lose your eligibility because of an increase in your annual income, you are liable for repayment of all monies paid by PAAD from the beginning of the calendar year, or just those payments made after your income increased.

#### IS THERE ANY OTHER CONDITION WHERE I COULD LOSE MY ELIGIBILITY?

Yes. If you put false information on your application, you will be liable for civil and criminal penalties under the New Jersey Medical Assistance and Health Services Act. You could lose your eligibility for one year for a first offense or permanently lose eligibility for a second offense. Also, you could be required to repay the PAAD program for any incorrectly paid benefits.

#### DO I HAVE TO NOTIFY PAAD OF ANY CHANGES IN MY STATUS BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE?

Yes. By law, you must promptly notify PAAD of any changes that will affect your continuing eligibility. If, for any reason, you become ineligible, you must return your PAAD card to the PAAD Program, CN 715, Trenton, N.J. 08646.

#### WILL PAAD FORWARD NOTICES TO ME IF I MOVE?

No. PAAD mail is not forwarded, so you must notify PAAD immediately in writing of a change of address. Also, you would have to send a proof of your new residence, such as a telephone bill or a utility bill. Failure to report a change of address could result in a delay in your receiving your eligibility card. When you notify PAAD of your address change, please include your name(s) and Social Security Account Number.